

**10:00am—Guided Mushroom Hunt**, “Healthy Parks Healthy People” Hike.

**Meets at the Nature Center parking lot; carpool to “secret” hiking location.** Hunt with an “expert” and learn some of their secrets. This enjoyable hike will get you back to your vehicles just in time, so you won’t miss the annual Spring Blossom Parade.

### **10:00am—4:00pm—Geocache Hike**

**Pick up coordinates at the Nature Center.** Bring your GPS unit along with you and pick up some of our park geocaches, too bad finding morels isn’t as easy!

### **10:00am– 4:00pm— Arts and Craft Fair**

**At the Nature Center.** Local artisans and crafters will have their creations on display, available for purchase. Call the Nature Center for details on participating, (812) 988-5240.

### **1:00pm– Guided Mushroom Hunt**

**Meets at the Nature Center parking lot; carpool to “secret” hiking spot.** Do you look for fallen Ash, or is it Elm?...wait isn’t it May apple? Let our “expert” guides teach you the tricks of the trade.

### **1:00pm—5:00pm Morel Sale**

**In front of Nature Center.** The *Friends of Brown County State Park* will be selling morels, “just in case you don’t have much luck”. Proceeds will go toward park projects. Get a free morel recipe sheet compiled by avid ‘shroomers’.

### **2:00pm- “Discovery of Morel Cultivation”**

**Nature Center Amphitheater.** Wow! After 200 years of science studying the elusive morel, someone figured it out! And...he lives in Indiana! Join biologist, **Stewart Miller**, as he shares this scientific breakthrough. Miller has inoculated Elm trees with the morel fungus, and will have a limited amount of the trees for sale. Miller received a US patent for this discovery in 2005. Don’t miss it!!!!

### **2:30pm—Children’s Spore Craft**

**Nature Center.** Fun for all ages! Don’t forget to pick up a FUNgus coloring sheet for the coloring contest.



### **3:00pm—Cooking Demonstration**

**At the Nature Center.** Join our talented under the big white tent, for a lesson in “Morel Cuisine”. He might even give you a taste!!!

### **4:30pm– Monster Morel Contest & FUNgus Coloring Contest**

Please turn in entries to the NC by 4:00pm. Prizes will be awarded for the LARGEST and smallest morels found during the festival!



**An Evening of Entertainment  
At the Nature Center Amphitheater**

**5:00pm- Live Raptors!** - local raptor rehab center, Return to the Wild will put on a great show for you! [ReturntotheWild.org](http://ReturntotheWild.org)

**6:00pm- “Jack Morel and the Spores”**, local rock band made up of some fun guys!

**7:00pm- “Kindred Spirits: A Morel Hunter’s Tale”** Brown County State Park’s *short and sweet* theatrical production. It should be comical.

For More Information, Please Contact the Brown County State Park Nature Center at (812) 988-5240. [www.morelmushroomfestival.com](http://www.morelmushroomfestival.com)

## **Happy Hunting!**

**Note to buyers:** the morels that will be sold during the festival are wild grown and are not subject to regulatory inspection.

### **Special Thanks to:**

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**Keep an eye out for Smokey Bear, who will make special appearances throughout the day!**

## **Brown County State Park**

*Presents the 3rd Annual*

# **Morel Mushroom Festival**



**Saturday, May 2, 2009**

*Come Celebrate “Welcome Back Weekend” and “Healthy Parks Healthy People” with Brown County State Park.*

*All Events are Free with Park Admission.*

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